

# Notice of Decision

**TO:** Mike Chrisman  
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**FROM:** California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board)  
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6114

**SUBJECT:** Filing of Notice of Decision in compliance with section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code

**PROJECT TITLE:** Amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins (Basin Plan) for the Control of Salt and Boron Discharges into the Lower San Joaquin River

**LOCATION:** Lower San Joaquin River from the Mendota Dam to the Airport Way Bridge near Vernalis

**DESCRIPTION:** The project consists of amendments to the Basin Plan to establish a control program for salt and boron discharges into the lower San Joaquin River

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This Notice of Decision is to advise you that the above-referenced project has been approved by the Office of Administrative Law. The Central Valley Water Board adopted amendments to the Basin Plan on 10 September 2004 in Resolution No. R5-2004-0108. The State Water Resources Control Board approved the Basin Plan amendments on 16 November 2005 in Resolution No. 2005-0087. The Office of Administrative Law subsequently approved the Basin Plan amendments on 21 July 2006.

The Central Valley Water Board has made the following determinations regarding the above-referenced project:

1. The project minimizes the potential for adverse effects on wildlife or the environment.
2. A checklist was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A statement of overriding considerations was adopted for this project.
5. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final Basin Plan amendments, staff report, and CEQA checklist, with comments and responses and record of project approval, are available to the general public at

the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, 11020 Sun Center Drive #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6114 and at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/programs/tmdl/vernal-salt-boron/index.html>.

*ORIGINAL SIGNED BY*

*31 July 2006*

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PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer  
California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Central Valley Region

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Date

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